Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

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**Project Overview**

DLIR’s proposed project of providing paid internship opportunities for individuals from the specific target populations, with the priority of serving those most affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, will eventually result in placements into paid employment. DLIR’s QUEST DWG program will allow interns to earn and learn with an employer with high-quality in-demand jobs. Partner employers will bring individuals in at trainee to mid-career level with expectations that they will hire them. Those not hired by their internship site will gain valuable experience, having essentially received paid training. The paid internship model allows for employers to take on the responsibilities and commitment to train and work with an intern.

**Project Description**

The project will focus on providing digital and financial literacy training, paid internships, support services, and eventual placements will increase the opportunities, equipping all those enrolled with the necessary tools, training, and experience to excel in high-quality jobs. DLIR will also provide intern participants with work and job skills workshops to help strengthen their employability skills, financial and digital literacy, communication, basic computer skills, and more. Participants will be offered other trainings through new and current training provider partners in the education, private, and public sectors.

**Project Industries**

Care Economy, Healthcare, Other Growth Industries: Information Technology (IT), Agriculture, Engineering, and Finance